

swing with violence the other way, so that my successor as a wild radical will bring utter discredit on the reforms by attempting to do too much, and especially by doing a number of things that ought not to be done, thereby ensuring a real reaction.

"But I am perfectly certain that in the end the Nation will have to come to my policies, or substantially to my policies, simply because the Republic can not endure unless the governmental actions are founded on these policies, for they represent nothing whatever but aggressive honesty and fair treatment for all—not make-believe fair treatment, but genuine fair treatment. I do not think that my policies had anything to do with producing the conditions which brought on the panic; but I do think that very possibly the assaults and exposures which I made, and which were more or less successfully imitated in the several States, have brought on the panic a year or two sooner than would otherwise have been the case. The panic would have been infinitely worse, however, had it been deferred.

"As for the New York financiers, their hangerg-on, the innocent men whom they have deceived, or who follow them and the newspapers that they own or inspire, why, I have to expect that these people will attack me. Their hostility toward me is fundamental I neither respect nor admire the huge moneyed men to whom money is the be-all and the end-all of existence; to whom the acquisition of

untold millions is the supreme goal of life,
and who are
too often utterly indifferent as to how these
millions are
obtained. I thoroughly believe that the first
duty of every
man is to earn his own living, to pull his own
weight, to
support his own wife and family; but after
this has been
done, and he is able to keep his family
according to his
station and according to the tastes that have
become a neces-
sity to him, then I despise him if he does not
treat other
things as of more importance in his scheme of
life than mere
money getting; if he does not care for art, or
literature, or
science, or statecraft, or war craft, or
philanthropy—in